

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 267 – HB 388

March 13, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Extends the termination date for the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board to June 30, 2021. Under the *Tennessee Governmental Entity Review Law*, the Committee is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2015.

Requires each department, commission, board, agency, or council of state government created during calendar year 2019 to terminate on June 30, 2021. Specifies that any such governmental entity that is terminated may be continued, reestablished, or restructured.

Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint members to the Board from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested farm business groups, farm cooperative groups, and soybean producer groups, rather than from the Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, and the Tennessee Soybean Association exclusively. The Commissioner is required to consult with the interested groups to determine qualifies persons to fill the positions on the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent a governmental entity is not continued in the future, or the funding level is changed in the future for an entity that is continued, reestablished, or restructured, the fiscal impact is considered indeterminable because such impact(s) are dependent upon unknown factors. Otherwise, the fiscal impact for this bill is considered not significant.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003402): Deletes Section 3 of the bill which expanded the groups who could nominate and represent members on the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- One of the provisions of this bill continues the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Board at its current funding level. As a result, this provision will have no fiscal impact on state government.

- According to the Department of Agriculture, the Board did not incur any expenditures over the past two fiscal years.
- The fiscal impact relative to any governmental entity that will be terminated on June 30, 2021, under the provisions of this bill, is dependent upon whether any such terminated entity will be continued, reestablished, or restructured, and the funding level for which it is continued, reestablished, or restructured. To the extent an entity is not continued in the future or the funding level is changed in the future for an entity that is continued, reestablished or restructured, the fiscal impact to state government is indeterminable because such impact(s) would be based on unknown factors. To the extent the terminated entities are continued, reestablished, or restructured at current funding levels, the fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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